and destruction of forests is in force in Brazil to save rain forests, whereby Brazillian Space Agency gets information from a NASA sunlite on any destruction of even five years of forests and punish the guilty after identifying the perpetrators of forest destruction by aerial and helicopter survey; if so, whether a similar system is also in force in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Use of police force for protection of forests on the lines of Brazillian model is not practised in India.

Infighting in Indian Olympic Association

1578. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the dispute between two factions of the Indian Olympic Association;

(b) whether it is a fact that some influential individuals are trying to take over the Association despite court's orders to the contrary;

(c) whether Government have recognised the rival group in the Association;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and since when the matter has been pending in the Delhi High Court;

(e) whether the Delhi High Court had appointed an observer for the IOA meeting and his report does not favour the rival group's claims; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons for Government's intervention in view of the observer's report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Government is not a party in any of the Court cases between two factions of Indian Olympic Association. Therefore, it is not aware of all the facts, including the report of the Observer of the High Court of Delhi. The matter is subjudice.

Based on documents before it, Government has taken a decision to deal with Shri V. C. Shukla as the President of the IOA on interim basis, till such time final decisions are taken in respect of any matters pending in the Court. This was to avoid any deadlock in the functioning of the IOA, particularly in view of the Indian participation in the forthcoming Asian Games.

Refusal to opt for mother Tongue in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Goa

1579. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Goa are not permitting the students to opt for their mother tongue as a regional language, though this language is permitted in all other schools in Goa; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to modify the rules and permit the students to opt for their mother with immediate effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) In view of the All India character of Kendriya Vidyalayas, the Hindi and English languages are taught as compulsory subjects. However, there is also a provision of teaching regional languages in any Kendriya Vidyalaya provided the concerned Vidyalaya has 20 or more students willing to study the regional language. There is no proposal to modify this rules.